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ANNCR:

"THIS WEEK."

FROM THE VOICE OF AMERICA, THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK
GONE BY...A LOOK AT SOME OF THE EVENTS, A CROSS-SECTION OF THE
IDEAS, AND THE VOICES OF SOME OF THE PEOPLE WHO MADE NEWS
DURING THE PAST SEVEN DAYS. YOUR NARRATOR IS-----.

TAPE: CUT ONE -- CARDINAL FELICI (IN LATIN)

"WE HAVE A POPE. HE IS CARDINAL CAROL WOJTYLA."

NARR:

WITH THESE WORDS, THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH ANNOUNCED TO
THE WORLD THAT IT HAD SELECTED A NEW SUCCESSOR TO THE THRONE
OF SAINT PETER: THE FIRST NON-ITALIAN POPE IN OVER FOUR
CENTURIES -- POLISH CARDINAL CAROL WOJTYLA, THE ARCHBISHOP OF
KRAKOW, WHO TOOK THE NAME OF HIS PREDECESSOR TO BECOME JOHN
PAUL THE SECOND.

THE ELECTION OF THE POLISH CARDINAL CAME AS A COMPLETE
SURPRISE TO ALMOST EVERYONE. HIS NAME HAD BEEN SCARCELY
MENTIONED AMONG THE POSSIBLE PAPAL CANDIDATES BEFORE THE
CONCLAVE BEGAN. THE NEW POPE IS 58 YEARS OLD AND THE SON OF
POOR PARENTS. HE HAS STUDIED AND LIVED MOSTLY IN POLAND BUT
RECEIVED A DOCTORATE OF PHILOSOPHY IN ROME. JOHN PAUL THE
SECOND IS ALSO MULTILINGUAL -- SPEAKING AT LEAST FIVE TONGUES --
AND APPEARS TO BE A WARM AND HUMBLE PERSON.

AS HE SPOKE FROM THE BALANCE OF SAINT PETER'S AFTER HIS
ELECTION, JOHN PAUL SAID HE IS FROM A DISTANT COUNTRY YET CLOSE
TO ROME BECAUSE OF A COMMUNION IN FAITH AND IN CHRISTIAN
TRADITION. HE CONCLUDED BY INVITING THE FAITHFUL TO BEGIN
AGAIN WITH HIM DOWN THE ROAD OF HISTORY AND OF THE CHURCH WITH

THE HELP OF GOD AND MAN. INSTALLATION CEREMONIES WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, IN A SIMPLE OUTDOOR CEREMONY SIMILAR TO THE PROCEDURE FOLLOWED BY JOHN PAUL THE FIRST.

THE NEWS OF THE POPE'S ELECTION WAS GREETED WITH SATISFACTION AROUND THE WORLD. IN WASHINGTON, PRESIDENT CARTER CALLED THE DECISION A VERY GOOD MOVE, AS WE HEAR FROM VOA CORRESPONDENT DAVID GOLLUST:

TAPE: CUT TWO -- GOLLUST

"MISTER CARTER SAID THAT LIKE HIS PREDECESSOR, CARDINAL WOJTYLA HAS SHARED THE EXPERIENCES OF WORKING PEOPLE AND UNDERSTANDS THE DAILY VICTORIES AND DEFEATS OF HUMAN LIFE. HE ALSO SAID THAT THE POLISH CARDINAL, IN A WAY FEW AMERICANS CAN, UNDERSTANDS THE MOST EXTREME TESTS THAT LIFE PRESENTS. THE PRESIDENT ADDED THAT DURING HIS VISIT TO POLAND EARLY THIS YEAR, HE GAINED A SENSE OF THE SPIRITUAL STRENGTH OF THE NATION THAT HAS GIVEN THE WORLD THE NEW POPE."

NARR:

MEANWHILE, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN WARSAW SAID ALL OF POLAND IS DELIGHTED WITH THE ELECTION, AND CONVINCED THAT THE NEW POPE WILL RECEIVE THE SUPPORT NOT ONLY FROM THE CHURCH BUT ALSO FROM POLITICAL LEADERS AND PEOPLE OF GOOD WILL AROUND THE WORLD.

IN YUGOSLAVIA, A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CATHOLIC CHURCH SAID THE ELECTION OF CARDINAL WOJTYLA IS A GREAT HONOR FOR ALL SLAVIC PEOPLES. AND THE OFFICIAL YUGOSLAV NEWS AGENCY ALSO NOTED THAT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME A POPE IS ELECTED FROM A COMMUNIST COUNTRY.

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PEACE TALKS BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL ENTERED THEIR SECOND WEEK HERE IN WASHINGTON. A SPOKESMAN FOR THE CONFERENCE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THERE ARE DIFFICULTIES IN THE NEGOTIATIONS, BUT HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT PROGRESS WILL CONTINUE. THE SPOKESMAN ALSO SAID THERE IS NEITHER A CRISIS NOR A DEADLOCK

IN THE NEGOTIATIONS. THE MAIN POINT IN THE CURRENT SESSIONS, HE SAID, WAS THE STILL UNRESOLVED LANGUAGE OF THE PROPOSED PEACE TREATY BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL.

LATER IN THE WEEK, PRESIDENT CARTER CONFERRED TWICE WITH BOTH DELEGATIONS. HE REVIEWED THE STATUS OF THE PEACE TALKS WITH THE EGYPTIANS AND ISRAELIS AND INDICATED THERE WERE NO CRITICAL PROBLEMS AT THIS STAGE IN THE NEGOTIATIONS.

IN OTHER MIDEAST DEVELOPMENTS THIS WEEK, ARAB FOREIGN MINISTERS HAVE ENDED THREE DAYS OF TALKS ON WAYS TO END THE LEBANESE CRISIS. THE SIX NATIONS REPRESENTED AT THE MEETING, IN ADDITION TO LEBANON, MAKE UP AND FINANCE THE THIRTY-THOUSAND-MAN ARAB PEACEKEEPING FORCE ESTABLISHED TWO YEARS AGO TO HALT THE COUNTRY'S CIVIL WAR. THE CONFERENCE REAFFIRMED THE PRINCIPLES SET FORTH BY ARAB LEADERS AT THE TIME THE PEACEKEEPING UNIT WAS CREATED, (OPT) AS WE HEAR FROM VOA CORRESPONDENT DOUGLAS ROBERTS IN CAIRO:

TAPE: CUT THREE -- ROBERTS

"THESE INCLUDE AN END TO ALL OBSTACLES IN THE PATH OF A STRONG CENTRAL AUTHORITY IN LEBANON, DISARMING THE COUNTRY'S MANY PARA-MILITARY ORGANIZATIONS, AND PROMISING A DIALOGUE AMONG THE VARIOUS POLITICAL FACTIONS AIMED AT A NATIONAL ENTENTE. THE STATEMENT SAID THE LEBANESE ARMY SHOULD EVENTUALLY TAKE OVER FROM THE MAINLY SYRIAN PEACEKEEPING FORCE. THE ARMY BROKE APART ALONG FACTIONAL LINES DURING THE CIVIL WAR AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID IT SHOULD BE REFORMED TO REFLECT A BALANCE AMONG LEBANON'S CHRISTIAN AND MOSLEM SECTS." (END OPT)

NARR:

THREE DAYS OF TALKS INPRETORIA BETWEEN WESTERN FOREIGN MINISTERS AND THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT ON THE FUTURE OF NAMIBIA ENDED THIS WEEK WITH WHAT APPEARED TO BE A COMPROMISE. THE TALKS WERE CENTERED ON THE UNITED NATIONS PLAN TO BRING INDEPENDENCE TO NAMIBIA. SOUTH AFRICA HAD REVERSED ITS EARLIER ACCEPTANCE OF THE U.N. PLAN ESSENTIALLY BECAUSE IT SAW THE PLAN AS FAVORING SWAPO -- THE NATIONALIST GROUP THAT HAS BEEN WAGING

A GUERRILLA WAR IN NAMIBIA. PRETORIA HAD INSISTED IT WOULD GO AHEAD WITH ITS OWN PLAN FOR NAMIBIAN ELECTIONS. THE FIVE WESTERN MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL CAME TO PRETORIA IN THE HOPES OF PERSUADING SOUTH AFRICA NOT TO PROCEED UNILATERALLY.

AFTER THE TALKS WERE OVER, SOUTH AFRICAN PRIME MINISTER PIETER BOTHA SAID SOUTH AFRICA WILL GO AHEAD WITH ITS PLAN TO HOLD ELECTIONS IN NAMIBIA AT THE BEGINNING OF DECEMBER. HOWEVER, MISTER BOTHA ALSO RELEASED THE TEXT OF THE JOINT STATEMENT BY THE FIVE WESTERN NATIONS AND SOUTH AFRICA ON THE NAMIBIA TALKS. THE STATEMENT INDICATED THAT PROGRESS WAS MADE IN RESOLVING SOUTH AFRICAN OBJECTIONS TO SOME POINTS IN THE UNITED NATIONS PLAN.

BUT THE JOINT STATEMENT NOTES THAT THE FIVE WESTERN NATIONS SEE NO WAY THAT SOUTH AFRICA'S DECEMBER VOTING CAN BE RECONCILED WITH THE U.N. PLAN. AND THEY DECLARED THAT THEY WILL REGARD THE RESULTS OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN-SPONSORED VOTE AS NULL AND VOID. PRIME MINISTER BOTHA GAVE NO GUARANTEE THAT SOUTH AFRICA WILL AGREE TO THE LATER U.N. SUPERVISED ELECTIONS. BUT HE DID SAY THAT PRETORIA WILL USE ITS BEST EFFORTS TO PERSUADE THE INTERNAL LEADERS ELECTED IN THE DECEMBER VOTING TO TAKE PART IN THE LATER UNITED NATIONS-SPONSORED ELECTION.

AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE PRETORIA TALKS, US. SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS VANCE ADMITTED THAT SERIOUS PROBLEMS REMAIN, BUT HE SAID THE DISCUSSIONS REPRESENTED A STEP FORWARD AND INDICATE THAT PROGRESS HAS BEEN ACHIEVED:

(OPT) TAPE: CUT FOUR -- VANCE

"I BELIEVE THAT WHAT HAS BEEN PROPOSED HERE REFLECTS A STEP FORWARD. I BELIEVE IT CLEARLY REFLECTS A DRIVE ON THE PART OF THE PARTIES TO SEE WHETHER WE CANNOT MOVE FORWARD TO COMPLETE THE PROCESS UNDER SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 435, AND THAT IS A POSITIVE SIGN."

NARR:

MISTER VANCE ACKNOWLEDGED DISAPPOINTMENT ON THE KEY ISSUE OF ELECTIONS, SAYING HE HAD GONE TO PRETORIA HOPING TO TALK SOUTH AFRICA OUT OF ITS PLAN FOR DECEMBER ELECTIONS BUT HAD BEEN UNABLE TO DO SO. HE SAID HE WOULD HAVE TO WAIT AND SEE EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENS WITH THE DECEMBER ELECTION PLAN -- BUT MISTER VANCE STRESSED THAT THE ONLY ELECTIONS THAT COUNT ARE THOSE THAT WILL BE HELD NEXT YEAR UNDER U.N. SUPERVISION.
(END OPT)

IN OTHER AFRICAN DEVELOPMENTS THIS WEEK, RHODESIAN FORCES ATTACKED DEEP INTO NEIGHBORING ZAMBIA WITH AN AIRSTRIKE AGAINST A CAMP BELONGING TO FORCES OF JOSHUA NKOMO'S PATRIOTIC FRONT CLOSE TO THE ZAMBIAN CAPITAL OF LUSAKA. BUT THE ZAMBIAN GOVERNMENT LATER SAID IT WAS A SURPRISE ATTACK ON A REFUGEE CAMP RATHER THAN A MILITARY TRAINING CENTER. THERE WERE UNCONFIRMED REPORTS OF HUNDREDS OF CASUALTIES IN THE STRIKE.

LATER THE RHODESIAN GOVERNMENT SAID THAT ZAMBIA WAS GIVEN WARNING MINUTES BEFORE THE AIR ATTACK ON THE GURRILLA CAMP. VOA CORRESPONDENT BARRY WOOD HAS DETAILS:

TAPE: CUT IF FIVE -- WOOD

"THE SALISBURY GOVERNMENT SAID THURSDAY NIGHT THAT THE RAID INFLICTED HEAVY CASUALTIES AND EFFECTIVELY DISRUPTED THE OPERATION OF MISTER NKOMO'S FORCES. THE RHODESIANS SAY ALL OF THEIR AIRCRAFT RETURNED SAFELY TO BASE. MEANWHILE IT IS BELIEVED THAT RHODESIAN FORCES ARE CONTINUING THEIR ATTACK ON GUERRILLA BASES IN MOZAMBIQUE TO THE SOUTHEAST. THOSE RAIDS, AGAINST FORCES OF ROBERT MUGABE'S GUERRILLA ARMY, WERE LAUNCHED WEDNESDAY -- IN APPARENT RETALIATION FOR A GUERRILLA ATTACK ON THE RHODESIAN BORDER CITY OF UMTALI EARLIER IN THE WEEK."

NARR:

ELSEWHERE IN AFRICA, ZAIRE'S PRESIDENT MOBUTU CONCLUDED A STATE VISIT TO ANGOLA WHICH PRODUCED A NUMBER OF AGREEMENTS TO STRENGTHEN THE RECENTLY ESTABLISHED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO OLD FOES. VOA CORRESPONDENT JOHN ROBERTS REPORTS THE DETAILS:

TAPE: CUT SIX -- ROBERTS

"PRESIDENT MOBUTO AND ANGOLAN PRESIDENT AGOSTINHO NETO PUT THEIR SIGNATURES ON A NUMBER OF AGREEMENTS, WHICH HAVE THE EFFECT OF FURTHER BINDING THE TWO COUNTRIES TO PEACEFUL COOPERATION. ONE COVERS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CONTROL COMMISSION UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY TO KEEP THE PEACE ALONG THEIR TWO THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED KILOMETER BORDER. GUERRILLA ACTIVITY THERE AGAINST BOTH GOVERNMENTS HAS CAUSED BLOODSHED AND CONTINUED TENSIONS."

NARR:

THE TWO LEADERS ALSO FORMALLY AGREED THAT THE VITAL BENGUELA RAILROAD, WHICH BRINGS COPPER FROM ZAIRE AND ZAMBIA TO ANGOLA'S ATLANTIC PORTS, WILL BE OPENED NEXT MONTH. THE ACCORDS ALSO COVER MARITIME AND AIR TRAVEL RELATIONS. ALTHOUGH ZAIRE AND ANGOLA ARE IDEOLOGICAL ADVERSARIES, THE RAPPROCHEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES WAS MOTIVATED PRIMARILY BY ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS. OBSERVERS BELIEVE THAT MOBUTU AND NETO CAME TO THE PRACTICAL CONCLUSION THAT CONTINUED FRICTION WAS STANDING IN THE WAY OF ECONOMIC PROGRESS.

SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS VANCE FLEW TO MOSCOW THIS WEEKEND FOR ANOTHER ROUND OF TALKS ON A NEW SOVIET-AMERICAN STRATEGIC ARMS ACCORD. IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT AFTER MANY MONTHS OF HARD BARGAINING, THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION ARE QUITE CLOSE TO AN AGREEMENT ON A NEW SALT TREATY. DURING THE TALKS IN NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON EARLIER THIS MONTH, PROGRESS WAS ACHIEVED ON THE MAJOR UNRESOLVED ISSUE -- THE QUESTION OF LIMITS ON NEW MISSILE SYSTEMS. PROBLEMS STILL REMAIN ON THIS

ISSUE, AND ON THE QUESTION OF LIMITS ON THE AMERICAN CRUISE MISSILE AND THE SOVIET BACKFIRE BOMBER. CHIEF U.S. ARMS CONTROL NEGOTIATOR PAUL WARNKE IS OPTIMISTIC ON THE CHANCES OF A NEW ACCORD IN THE NEAR FUTURE:

TAPE: CUT SEVEN -- WARNKE

"WE HAVE SOLVED, I THINK, THE MOST COMPLEX PROBLEMS. AND IT'S REALLY NOW A QUESTION OF HOW STUBBORN BOTH SIDES ARE APT TO BE ABOUT THE FISTFUL OF PROBLEMS THAT REMAIN. THERE ARE SOME IMPORTANT ONES LEFT. WE CERTAINLY CAN'T PREDICT THAT THIS ROUND OF TALKS BETWEEN SECRETARY VANCE AND FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO WILL BE THE FINAL SET NECESSARY. I HOPE THAT IT IS, BUT I CERTAINLY CAN'T BE CONFIDENT THAT IT IS."

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AND THOSE ARE SOME OF THE STORIES THAT MADE HEADLINES THIS WEEK. YOUR NARRATOR WAS _____. JOIN US AGAIN NEXT _____W WHEN THE VOICE OF AMERICA TAKES A LOOK AT THE NEXT SEVEN OF THE WEEK.

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